

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 5:30 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common

Present: Selectboard members Christopher Martin and Laurie Colgan Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Sarah Fowler (Stranahan Stewardship Committee); Rebecca Wigg (Energy Committee)

At 5:30 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Martin

Changes or additions to the agenda: Reappraisal, HomeShare Now, Route 2 Paving

Minutes: The Board approved the minutes of the August 20, 2019 meeting.

Stranahan Town Forest: Sarah Fowler asked the Selectboard about drainage work in the Stranahan Town Forest. Dan Tetreault has indicated that he does not have time to do it. The Board and Sarah discussed the options for what can be done with the Thompson Road. Chris will talk to the Road Crew to see what their availability is. If the work is done, it will be paid for out of the Stranahan Fund.

Marshfield Dam EAP: Rebecca Wigg addressed the Board about the process before the Public Utility Commission. The Town joined the process because of safety concerns at the dam. Plainfield is going to request that GMP make a warning siren in Plainfield in case of an issue at the dam. In Marshfield, the siren that we have at the Fire Station can not be activated remotely. The Selectboard will talk with the Fire Department to see what could be done. They also discussed the VTAlert system, but cell phones do not work in the Village, and there are concerns about whether the system would warn people fast enough.

Better Backroads Grant: The Board signed a contract with Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission to do the erosion inventory that is required by the Municipal Roads General Permit.

Tree Work: The Board reviewed a quote for removal of dead trees along some town roads. Some of the trees have already been cut by the road crew. No action was taken.

Generator for Town Garage: Bobbi updated the Selectboard on the Hazard Mitigation Grant application for the generator. Bobbi and Tim Ksepka met with FEMA representatives to discuss the application. It is still not clear whether the application will be eligible for FEMA funding.

Livestock Ordinance: Janet Ancel is going to be introducing a bill that would allow municipalities to enact an ordinance specific to livestock.

Reappraisal: The Selectboard reviewed the draft Request for Proposals. They will review and discuss it further at the next meeting.

HomeShare Now: The Town received a notice that HomeShare Now is ceasing operations and their function will be served by Home Share Vermont. They suggested sending the voted appropriation to Home Share Vermont. Since the voters approved sending the money to HomeShare Now, the Selectboard instructed Bobbi to send the money to them and let them decide what to do with it.

Route 2 Paving: The small project will begin September 23. A more in-depth project is still a few years away.

Cemetery Mapping: Bobbi will check with Joe Mangan to see if he approves of the map that has been prepared. If he doesn't have any concerns, Bobbi will ask the surveyor for a price to create a mylar.

Radon: Chris has met with a contractor about installing air exchange units. He is waiting for a proposal.

Correspondence: The Selectboard received a letter from Jaqueline Soule raising concerns about a request from Mark Dumouchelle to be allowed to do work on the Davis Road. The project is on hold for the time being. The Board will take her concerns under advisement if Mr. Dumouchelle wants to proceed.

Expenses, Permits & Payroll: Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the September 10, 2019 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
